

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The aim of the invention is to prevent the plate contacts of chip cards from wearing as a result of vibrations that occur during the operation of a vehicle. To achieve this, the spring contacts of the read/write set of contacts in a holding device for chipcards are separated from the plate contacts of a chip card that has been inserted into the holding device, for a period, during which no trip or driver-related data is transmitted and said contacts are closed for only a relatively short time, i.e. during the reading of the chip card data into the relevant data recording device and during the writing of recorded data to the chip card. The holding device is configured in such a way that the relevant chip card remains inaccessible when the contacts are separated.